

1-1 By: Minjarez (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 1608  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;  
1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
1-4 Human Services; May 19, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Schwertner	X		
1-10	Uresti	X		
1-11	Buckingham	X		
1-12	Burton	X		
1-13	Kolkhorst	X		
1-14	Miles	X		
1-15	Perry	X		
1-16	Taylor of Collin	X		
1-17	Watson	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1608 By: Uresti

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to creating a pilot program to provide summer internships  
1-22 for foster youth.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 264.1251 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 264.1251. SUMMER INTERNSHIP PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The  
1-27 department shall establish a summer internship pilot program that  
1-28 provides foster youth with the opportunity to develop marketable  
1-29 job skills and obtain professional work experience through a summer  
1-30 internship with a participating business, nonprofit organization,  
1-31 or governmental entity.

1-32 (b) The department may collaborate with other state  
1-33 agencies, as appropriate, to establish the pilot program. The  
1-34 pilot program may be implemented in more than one department  
1-35 region.

1-36 (c) The department may enter into an agreement with one or  
1-37 more entities described by Subsection (a) to allow the entity to  
1-38 award internships to youth who participate in the pilot program.  
1-39 Internships provided under the pilot program may be paid or unpaid.

1-40 (d) Not later than April 1 of each year, the department  
1-41 shall select foster youth or former foster youth who are 15 years of  
1-42 age or older to participate in the pilot program. Each youth  
1-43 participating in the pilot program shall enter into an agreement  
1-44 with the organization awarding the internship and the department  
1-45 relating to the terms of the youth's internship.

1-46 (e) The department shall complete an evaluation of the pilot  
1-47 program not later than the second anniversary of the date the  
1-48 program begins.

1-49 (f) The department shall submit a report on the evaluation  
1-50 of the pilot program to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and  
1-51 the speaker of the house of representatives. The report must  
1-52 include:

1-53 (1) the number of youth who participated in the pilot  
1-54 program;

1-55 (2) the location and type of internships provided  
1-56 under the pilot program; and

1-57 (3) details of the department's efforts to recruit  
1-58 eligible youth to participate in the pilot program.

1-59 (g) The executive commissioner may adopt rules necessary to  
1-60 implement this section.

2-1           (h) This section expires September 1, 2021.

2-2           SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Department of  
2-3 Family and Protective Services shall establish the pilot program  
2-4 required by Section 264.1251, Family Code, as added by this Act.

2-5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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